

<b>Interview Summary</b>	Application No. <b>08/941,605</b>	Applicant(s) <b>Wood</b>
	Examiner <b>Sandra Nolan</b>	Group Art Unit <b>1772</b>

All participants (applicant, applicant's representative, PTO personnel):

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(2) Michael Wolfson

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Date of Interview Mar 3, 1999

Type:  Telephonic  Personal (copy is given to  applicant  applicant's representative).

Exhibit shown or demonstration conducted:  Yes  No. If yes, brief description:

The nature of the claimed invention and that of Long et al were compared.

Agreement  was reached.  was not reached.

Claim(s) discussed: 9-11

Identification of prior art discussed:

Long et al (US 5108533)

Description of the general nature of what was agreed to if an agreement was reached, or any other comments:

Applicant will consider adding limitations to:

(1) say that the fibrous material is "resin absorbable" [to eliminate arguably functional language];

(2) define the collar as:

(a) engaging the main passageway so that it conforms to the shape thereof; and

(b) being made of the same material as the tube.

(A fuller description, if necessary, and a copy of the amendments, if available, which the examiner agreed would render the claims allowable must be attached. Also, where no copy of the amendments which would render the claims allowable is available, a summary thereof must be attached.)

1.  It is not necessary for applicant to provide a separate record of the substance of the interview.

Unless the paragraph above has been checked to indicate to the contrary, A FORMAL WRITTEN RESPONSE TO THE LAST OFFICE ACTION IS NOT WAIVED AND MUST INCLUDE THE SUBSTANCE OF THE INTERVIEW. (See MPEP Section 713.04). If a response to the last Office action has already been filed, APPLICANT IS GIVEN ONE MONTH FROM THIS INTERVIEW DATE TO FILE A STATEMENT OF THE SUBSTANCE OF THE INTERVIEW.

2.  Since the Examiner's interview summary above (including any attachments) reflects a complete response to each of the objections, rejections and requirements that may be present in the last Office action, and since the claims are now allowable, this completed form is considered to fulfill the response requirements of the last Office action. Applicant is not relieved from providing a separate record of the interview unless box 1 above is also checked.

Examiner Note: You must sign and stamp this form unless it is an attachment to a signed Office action.